

*"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:14-15).*

# Be Welcoming

## WEEK THREE

### KEY SCRIPTURE:

A verse to memorize and meditate on this week

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (HEB. 13:2).

### TAKING IT FURTHER:

A section of Scripture to ponder in depth

"He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just'" (LUKE 14:12-14).

### QUESTIONS:

Considerations to renew your mind and move you to action

1. What stands out in this Scripture when you first read it?
2. Are there things in this Scripture that remind you of what God in Christ Jesus has done for you or who He has made you to be?
3. What does this Scripture teach us about God's will in regard to the habit we are focusing on this month?
4. What is God calling you to repent of and change in your life?
5. How can you put into action what God has taught you?

### HOW I WILL:

Ways to practice this discipline

- Take the time to stop and help a stranger in need.
- Sign up to help with an activity in a nursing home.

This week do one of the above or a similar action that fits your context.

### PRAYER:

Words to turn your heart to God and ask for His blessing

O holy and most merciful God, all Your ways are perfect and good. We ask You to make us, Your people, know and believe this always. According to Your promises, give us every blessing of body and soul as we seek first Your kingdom. Help us daily to live in the newness of life we have received through Your Holy Spirit in our Baptism. Since we have been connected to Jesus' lifegiving death and resurrection in those waters, grant us each day to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

"What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (PHIL. 4:9).